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Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Charles R. SLATER

Serial No.: 09/177,502

Filed: October 23, 1998

For: BIPOLAR ENDOSCOPIC
SURGICAL SCISSOR BLADES
AND INSTRUMENT
INCORPORATING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a four month extension of time to file the Appeal Brief. A fee of \$1,390.00 is enclosed.

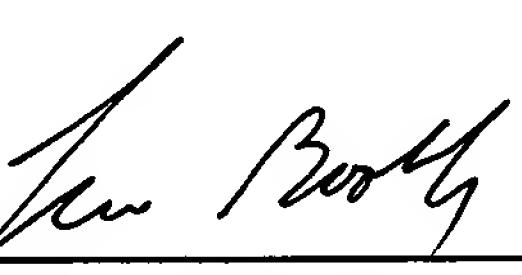
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